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Title : Need to ensure supply of Gas by GAIL from Jagdishpur to Haldia in West Bengal.

SHRI LAKSHMAN SETH (TAMLUK): Sir, Gas is the lifeline of the economy in the context of challenge of globalisation. No source of gas has been discovered in West Bengal till today. Due to non-availability of gas, Haldia Fertiliser Plant of HFC has been closed.

Haldia is a leading industrial hub concentrated with Chemical Industries such as Petrochemicals, PTA Plant of Mitsubishi, Detergent Plant of Hindustan Lever, DAP of TATA Chemicals, etc., which need gas. Haldia may be developed as a mega chemical hub through backward and forward linkage. Besides, gas-based power plant is felt highly necessary in West Bengal.

It is an admitted fact that Eastern India has lagged behind economically in comparison to other parts of the country. Therefore, I request the hon. Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas to take steps, so that GAIL may supply gas through pipeline from Jagdishpur to Haldia. Gas supply should also be made available from other sources such as from Mynamar and Reliance Industries in West Bengal.